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Unprecedented moves

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HOLCOMB: Gatherings should have no more than 250 people in one space

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, surrounded by educators, medical personnel and other city officials, talks Thursday about the decision to close Marion County schools amid fears about COVID-19. ROBERT SCHEER/INDYSTAR

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State and local officials Thursday announced a series of unprecedented moves designed to staunch the spread of the coronavirus, from closing all Marion County schools for a minimum of three weeks to advising against gatherings larger than 250 people.

Gov. Eric Holcomb issued a series of what his office termed strongly worded recommendations for steps the state and local municipalities should take. State employees also will be given guidance about remote work options, he said in a statement.

The directives included limiting all nonessential gatherings to no more than 250 people in one room or a single space at the same time, which would include cafeterias, places of worship, stadiums and auditoriums.

And this could be just the beginning, he warned.

"I fully expect there will be additional actions warranted in the coming days," Gov. Holcomb said in his statement. "Just as we have since the beginning of the year, we are working with partners at all levels to secure all necessary resources for any escalation of this virus."

Shortly after he issued his statement, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett announced additional steps, including having city employees who can work remotely, suspending all senior Parks

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NCAA cancels men's, women's basketball tournaments

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In a move so rare and drastic it surpasses even World War II-era policy, the NCAA announced Thursday afternoon it is canceling its 2020 men's and women's basketball tournaments.

The association's statement came after a fraught evening of COVID-19-related postponements and cancellations, chief among them the NBA's decision to

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The NCAA will end a season without crowning a hoops champion for the first time since 1939. USA TODAY SPORTS

Former Saturday Evening Post publisher Dr. Cory SerVaas dies

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As a young girl, Dr. Cory Jane SerVaas developed a passion for preventative care and using information to keep people healthy.

That passion drove her to become an Indianapolis doctor, journalist, inventor and advocate who dedicated her life to empowering people through

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Why the bill that would have affected IndyGo funding failed in the House

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After a contentious couple of weeks, a Northwest Indiana transit bill with an amendment that could have changed the future of IndyGo died in the House.

House Bill 1279 would have allowed the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority to establish a non-profit

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